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### USE PRIVATE DOCKS

Secretary Metcalf Reports Only Kind Available.

### BREMERTON GETS A BOOST

Atlantic Fleet Will go to Sound, Where Secretary Says Entire Fleet May be Accommodated at One Time—Talks of Labor Situation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Secretary Metcalf returned from his inspection of the Pacific Coast today. He made a number of observations of importance in connection with the visit to the Pacific Coast of the Atlantic fleet. He found that while the government had only one dock on the Pacific Coast capable of carrying for a battleship, there were a number of private docks which might be available if needed.

Of these, three are at San Francisco. The only government dock is at Bremerton and this location, he believed, makes it likely that the entire fleet may go as far north as Puget Sound before returning to Atlantic waters. Concerning this probability Secretary Metcalf says there is water enough at Bremerton to float the entire fleet at one time.

The labor question on the coast, the Secretary said, was becoming more serious each day, and he instanced the fact that the navy yards at Mare Island and Bremerton are working far under their capacity by reason of the labor famine. He pointed out that in the west carpenters are being paid as high as \$8 per day. The transportation question also was found by the secretary to be serious. He said the railroads cannot begin to haul the crops and the passenger train service is very heavy.

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### TO PAY COSTA RICA'S DEBT.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 13.—A compromise has been effected between the Government of Costa Rica and the United Fruit Co. By this compromise the United Fruit Co. agrees to pay to the government duty of two and one-half cents silver currency a bunch upon all bananas raised or exported by the company for a period of 25 years. In addition to this the company will look after the refunding of the national debt of the country.

Under the agreement, which takes effect immediately, the company will pay \$125,000 annually to the republic in export duties on bananas.

Morning Astorian, delivered by carrier, 60 cents per month.

### MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Man Supposed to Have Come From Seattle Has Disappeared.

Some talk was indulged in yesterday regarding the mysterious disappearance of a man named Miller who arrived a few days ago from Seattle. It was reported that he had come to Astoria for the purpose of purchasing a farm at Nehalem. He went to Nehalem in a rig from Casey's barn and returned the rig on Thursday night leaving some of his effects at the barn. It was reported that he then started for the Nehalem house but did not reach there. Inquiry at this place developed the fact that a family who had been the guests of this house stated that they were bound for the ranch that Miller was supposed to have since purchased and that the partner of the head of this family would come later to purchase the property. The family left and are now supposed to be at the farm while nothing is known of Miller. He was not a guest of the house and if he started from Casey's barn for the Nehalem house and did not reach the place it is to be wondered at as the distance between the points is but a full block. No sale has been recorded as between Miller and the party from whom he was to purchase, and in fact, this party is now in the city and has been making inquiries for his prospective purchaser but without avail. It is a case of mysterious disappearance but the cause of the disappearance will no doubt be learned in a few days.

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### EMPRESS OF SEAS

Lusitania Breaks All Records Across "the Pond."

### FIVE DAYS, AND 45 MINUTES

Hourly Speed Average, However, Does Not Reach Record Made by the Kaiser Wilhelm II, on Her Maiden Trip—Turbine Steamer a Success.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The giant turbine steamer Lusitania of the Cunard line came into port today on her maiden voyage with a new record of five days and 54 minutes between Queenstown and New York. The Lusitania failed to lower the hourly speed average of 23.58 knots made by the Kaiser Wilhelm II, the average being 23.01 knots, which is the record for a maiden voyage. Captain Watt said that the time comes for record-breaking, after her machinery is in thorough order, the Lusitania will be the empress of the seas.

### POLITELY FORGOTTEN

Riflemen [Passed Up On Visit to Oyster Bay.

### WAIT FOR FORTY MINUTES

Telegram From Loeb Said That Automobile Would be Waiting For Rifle Team But None Was Found—Soldiers Hire Carriages and Pay Respects to Teddy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Fifteen national guardsmen, regular army men and civilians arrived at Oyster Bay today on invitation of the Arrangement to find that absolutely no arrangements had been made for their reception. The men had victoriously represented America at the International rifle contest last Saturday and had a telegram from the President's secretary, Loeb, that they would be met by the government automobiles on their arrival at Oyster Bay. Their arrival was absolutely ignored. They were left standing helplessly at the railroad station for forty minutes, while grinning backmen jested with one another as to how much they would make out of the men who had won for America and had been invited there as guests of the President.

After waiting so long that they were forced to miss the return train they had expected to take, the riflemen hired five teams to take them to Sagamore Hill wondering whether they would be received by the President. Owing to the delay caused by their rigid reception, the tired riflemen were forced to wait two hours at the little railroad station after their visit to the Hill. Their expressions of opinion regarding their reception at the President's home after being invited to come cannot be quoted, as many of the visitors are regular army men.

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### EXCELS CANAL WORK

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all along the line, and it will represent the expenditure of millions of dollars, besides the completion of almost unparalleled feats of railroad engineering.

"You have heard in magazines about the great amount of work which has been completed by engineers along the Panama canal. While it is less generally known, astounding as it may seem, we have completed over three times as much work in the same periods of time. During the month of July, according to government statistics, there was 1,000,000 yards of earth and rock removed from the canal. During the same period of time our engineers removed and replaced over 3,000,000 yards of earth and rock along this road. "In the last 11 months we have purchased 13,000 freight cars and have put them into operation. We have purchased scores of new locomotives, most of which have been added to our western divisions, and our passenger equipment has been materially enlarged."

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### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. McMath, of Cathlamet, is visiting friends in Astoria for a few days. Jack Hill, of the city, is at St. Martins Springs, where he will remain for a short vacation.

Dell Sculley writes his friends here from the east and states that he is having a fine trip and enjoying himself every minute of the day.

Miss Mary Clark leaves this morning for Mt. Angel, Or., where she will attend the Mt. Angel Academy.

Miss Gertrude Sinnott will leave for Portland this morning where she goes to attend St. Mary's Academy which will open on Monday.

Fred Madison, western agent of the Empire Freight Line, with headquarters at Portland is in the city.

Capt. Steel and Lieut. Cullen, of Fort Stevens, were in the city yesterday.

D. A. McLean, of Portland, is visiting in Astoria. Mr. McLean is a brother of our urbane deputy sheriff.

B. Belison, of Chicago, is in the city on business and will remain a few days. Mayor Wise, accompanied by Mrs. Wise, is in Portland, on a business trip. Deputy Sheriff McLean was in Warrenton yesterday on legal business. Mrs. T. F. Laurin has returned home from a short visit to friends in Portland.

### MESMER THE MYSTIC.

Coming to the Star Theater Next Week.

In speaking of this great attraction the Seattle-times has the following to say: "Mesmer, the Mystic, offering an act that almost everyone will want to see more than once, is billed as the biggest attraction ever brought to Pantages Theater. After seeing him at the opening performances no one can dispute the boast of the management, for certainly he is wonderful, and more fun, more laughter and more mystery is occasioned by his act than almost anything that could be conceived of in the way of entertainment. The hypnotist carries no subjects with him, and the great difficulty last evening was in getting enough in the audience to offer their services. After the first had volunteered, however, others followed, and after but a few moments delay the great act was on. The performer is modest in his promises to the audience, admitting that he cannot put under his spell any who have made up their mind not to submit to his influence. He claims that he can charm on the average of eight out of every ten persons. He did not, however, have any difficulty with his subjects last evening. The stunts which were executed by his subjects were funny in the extreme, and for three quarters of an hour the audience was kept in a perfect uproar. The young man riding an imaginary wild pony was one of the funniest things of the evening, and the chair, which served as the unmanageable horse, was broken into bits."

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### FEET WERE HEAVY.

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—While trying to wash his feet in a stationary wash basin this morning, Paul Meyer, an Australian commercial traveler, broke through the basin, cutting his left leg severely. He was treated at the Receiving Hospital.

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### SAYS MAN STRUCK HER.

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—John Dowdell, a merchant, residing at 512 Sixty-sixth street, was arrested this evening by Policeman Ely on a charge of battery, the complaint being sworn to by Mrs. Mary L. Tarr, of 6634 Telegraph avenue. Mrs. Tarr alleges Dowdell struck her. He was released from jail on depositing \$30 cash bail, and will be given a hearing in the Police Court Monday morning.

### SELL TOLEDO ROAD SEPT. 16.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 13.—William Baldwin and I. H. Burgoon, receivers, have fixed the sale of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Detroit Railway for September 16, at the point in the township of Bedford, Monroe County, Michigan, where the right of way crosses the state line.

The upset price fixed by the circuit court of Monroe County is \$80,000. It is said that the Everett Moore syndicate and the Ohio Electrical Syndicate will be active bidders for the property.

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**ESCALLOPED SHRIMP.**  
Make a tomato sauce; pick over a can of Preferred Stock shrimp, heat in the sauce and add a glass of sherry (or a glass of the juice from a can of Preferred Stock raspberries.) Turn into a shallow baking dish, cover with buttered crumbs and bake until crumbs are brown. Garnish with parsley and serve hot.

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